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Washington, DC 20231

February 28, 2002

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The relevancy of the Japanese language patent documents can be determined from a review of the English language Abstracts attached thereto.

The Japanese-language article by Shinozaki describes a fingerprint sensor configuration suitable for applications such as e-commerce authentication, information security, and cell phone. The configurations disclosed therein can be seen from the figures (w/ English labels).

The Japanese-language article by Seto et al. discusses efforts to standardize biometrics authentication for purposes of e-commerce, etc.

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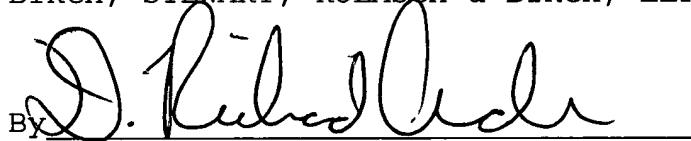
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